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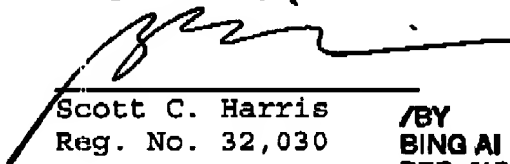
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RESPONSE

In timely response to the Final Office Action mailed May 21, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office to reconsider its final rejections and to allow all claims under examination in view of the following reasons.

Claims 5-21 stand finally rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Murphy in view of either Payne alone or Payne in further view of Hong and Doriath, respectively. These contentions are respectfully traversed because the contended combinations based on these cited references are improper under 35 USC 103(a).

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